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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Monday, 4 February 1957

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, Gen. Cabell, Mr. Amory, Col. White,
Messrs. [] Kirkpatrick, Sheldon, Paul (part
of mtg.), []

Mr. Dulles:

a) Briefly discussed his meeting with Senators Russell, Byrd and Saltonstall on 1 February 1957 and noted that:
1) Apparently there are other agencies in the same boat as CIA regarding funds for new construction. The Director said he did not believe there is any possible chance of this Agency's receiving a supplemental appropriation for the new building unless such an appropriation is approved for all agencies requiring additional funds for construction already approved. (ACTION: Mr. Paul will insure that CIA is included in any overall supplemental request for additional building funds;)
2) Senator Byrd is still deeply concerned about the size of the Agency's headquarters staff. Mr. Dulles said, however, the Senator appeared to be satisfied that we should have as many people as we require to perform our overseas activities. The Director went on to say he had discussed at some length the activities of headquarters and why it is necessary to have our present strength, and at the end of this discussion Senator Russell seemed to understand, however, Senator Byrd indicated he would like to see a functional breakdown of our headquarters' strength. Col. White noted his people are in the process of preparing such a study but he was having trouble in keeping it down to a 30 minute presentation. The Director commented if this study could be prepared within the next week or ten days, Senator Byrd and others would have more free time now than later and he believed this presentation could therefore be lengthened in order to give the full picture. Mr. Amory suggested the study include comparative costs for maintaining people at headquarters and abroad. For example, he noted there are probably a number of jobs which could be performed overseas but in the long run would cost a good deal more due to the cost of travel, allowances, etc. -- therefore we are in fact effecting an overall saving for the government. Mr. [] suggested that we should also stress the size of our registries and the [] information these activities perform not only for CIA but for the government as a whole, and in particular providing information in the Communist field. The Director said we might also bring out the fact that a good deal of our work is contracted to cleared private organizations in order to cut down on personnel.
ACTION: Col. White.

b) Noted he had heard from [] who indicated his plans have now been changed and he intends to come to Washington in about a month. In this connection the Director asked Mr. [] to obtain an article in the Reader's Digest which [] had mentioned to him.

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c) Noted [] had requested that USIA be furnished copies of speeches he (DCI) might make and which might contain propaganda value.

d) Noted that Cabell Phillips intends to do an article on OCB and wanted him (DCI) to meet with some of the New York Times people next time he is in New York. ACTION: Mr. [] to remind DCI to do this.

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e) Asked Mr. [] whether or not it might be a good idea to appoint a deputy in the NEA Division to exclusively handle African affairs in view of the increasing importance of that area. Mr. [] said at the present time Africa is divided within the branches of NEA and is receiving proper attention, however, he would "take another look" at a later date.

General Cabell:

Noted Gen. Laurence Kuter, whom he had seen during the recent Air Force Commanders Conference, had made a rather positive statement about a certain individual which was backed by the U. S. Charge of this individual's country. The Director commented he did not see how this statement could be true but asked Acting DD/P to obtain the comments of the appropriate Station Chief. Note: This message to be handled on a strictly Eyes Only basis and will receive prior approval of DDCI before dispatch.

Mr. Amory:

a) Noted we had now received 100 copies of the HUNGARIAN TRAGEDY and said copies would be furnished certain Members of Congress as previously directed by the DCI. The Director said in transmitting this article it should be made clear that it was written by a Communist.

c) Noted that [] had returned from Moscow and asked whether we should debrief him. The Director said this should be done but handled through appropriate outouts.

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Mr. []

Referred to the importance of Yemen ⁱⁿ and the current Middle East situation and noted there is practically no information available in Washington at the present time about this country. Mr. [] said it might be appropriate for the Director to mention this at an OCB meeting, particularly since he [] had tried to steam up State Department about this problem and had not met with any success.

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